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Re: Docket No. 2006-0387 – Application of Maui Electric Company, Limited
("MECO") for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules.

Dear Parties:

The Stipulated Schedule of Proceedings, as approved with modifications by the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") in Order No. 23496¹ ("Schedule of Proceedings"), as amended,² for the above-referenced docket required MECO to file its Rebuttal Testimonies on November 19, 2007, and established certain other procedural deadlines including the filing of the Parties' Joint Settlement Letter, if any, by December 3, 2007, and the filing of MECO's Statement of Probable Entitlement by December 14, 2007.³

¹Order No. 23496 was issued on June 19, 2007.

²See Commission letter dated August 24, 2007.

³Additionally, the Schedule of Proceedings established December 4, 2007, as the date of the Prehearing Conference and December 11-13, 2007, as the dates for the Evidentiary Hearing for this proceeding.

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By letter dated and filed on November 19, 2007, MECO informed the Commission that it and the Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate")⁴ have reached verbal settlement of all revenue requirement issues in this proceeding. As a result, MECO requests that the Commission suspend the remaining procedural steps set forth in the Schedule of Proceedings (including the filing of its Rebuttal Testimonies). MECO states its intention to file the Parties' settlement letters and a stipulation regarding the need for evidentiary hearings and the filing of briefs as soon as possible. Moreover, MECO represents that the Consumer Advocate concurs with its request.

The Commission will treat the November 19, 2007 letter as a motion to suspend the Schedule of Proceedings ("Motion"), pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") §§ 6-61-23 and 6-61-41.⁵ The Commission notes that MECO: (1) filed its November 19, 2007 letter on the date that its Rebuttal Testimonies was due; and (2) has yet to file its settlement letters and stipulation, as of the date of this letter. However, the Commission surmises that an evidentiary hearing in this proceeding may not be necessary, at this time.

Upon review of the Motion and consideration of all related matters, the Commission finds good cause to grant the Motion, provided that the deadlines set forth for the filing of the Parties' Joint Settlement Letter (December 3, 2007) and MECO's Statement of Probable Entitlement (December 14, 2007) are excluded from the suspension. Thus, the Commission hereby grants the Motion, with the exclusion of the deadlines set forth above. Specifically, the Commission approves the suspension of the reminder of the procedural steps of the Schedule of Proceedings aside from the deadlines for the filing of the Parties' Joint Settlement Letter and MECO's Statement of Probable Entitlement, until further order of the Commission.

⁴The sole parties to this proceeding are the Consumer Advocate and MECO who are hereafter collectively referred to as the "Parties."

⁵Pursuant to: (1) HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1), the Commission for good cause shown may order a period enlarged if a written request is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed; and (2) HAR § 6-61-41(e), motions that do not involve the final determination of a proceeding may be determined by the chairperson or commissioner.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Ji Sook (Lisa) Kim at 586-2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlito P. Caliboso". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carlito" being more prominent.

Carlito P. Caliboso
Chairman

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c: Dean K. Matsuura
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